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1. A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a connector body, two connector cavities, a flange for  
 5 securing the dummy plug in place, the flange having a top surface and a bottom surface, a latch beam, two latch arms, a first length, a spacer, and a perimeter seal, the perimeter seal having two latch arm openings for receiving the latch arms, the dummy plug comprising:  
 at least 18 durometer inherently lubricating silicon;  
 10 a head;  
 multiple ribs, the multiple ribs having a first width;  
 a stem, the stem having a second width, the second width being less than the first width;  
 a female end, the female end having a third width, the third width being less  
 15 than the first width and greater than the second width, the female end having a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface; and,  
 a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length, such that the female end is substantially flush with the associated latch arm.

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2. A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a first length, a latch beam, and a latch arm, the dummy plug comprising:

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- a first end;  
 a female end; and,  
 a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length.

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10. A method for plugging an unused connector cavity, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a dummy plug having a head, a stem, and a female end;

inserting the dummy plug into the unused connector cavity so that the female end is substantially flush with the at least one latch arm.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein providing a wiring harness having at least one connector cavity, and at least one latch arm comprises the step of:

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placing a spacer on the at least one latch beam; and,  
placing a perimeter seal on the at least one latch beam, so that the perimeter seal is substantially flush with the at least one latch arm.

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placing a pogo pin on the at least one latch arm to verify whether or not the at one connector cavity is being used.

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